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## Timeline of events

- Jan. 16-18: SGA retreat held in Carlisle, Ky. New constitution is proposed that would give SGA sole control of AP, RNA and student media funding.
- Feb. 9: SGA Senate rejects a third draft of the proposed constitution. Vice President for Public Relations Andy Hixson proposes an alternate constitution.
- Feb. 18: SGA Senate passes a revised version of the proposed constitution. The bill ratified does not permit SGA control of the funding of student media or any student organizations.
- Feb. 23: Hixson files an appeal of the Feb. 18 Senate vote with the Judicial Council, saying it was unlawfully ratified.
- Feb. 26: Judicial Council rules against Hixson, stating that his arguments "do not carry weight."
- March 5: SGA Ethics Committee decides Hixson is in dereliction of his duties for not posting or keeping regular office hours. They draft a letter to the Judicial Council, calling for his impeachment.
- March 17: Executive Vice President Eric Fegan and Sen. James Pullitt announce their intention to run in the April elections.
- March 19: Judicial Council unanimously rules that the Ethics Committee improperly handled Hixson's impeachment process.
- March 22: Hixson and Sen. Jeff Leff announce that they intend to run for SGA president and executive vice president in April.
- April 1: Ethics Committee Chair Joe Myers presents a petition, signed by two-thirds of the Senate, to the Judicial Council with a letter again calling for Hixson's impeachment.
- April 5: Judicial Council Chief Justice Dave Caddell announces the impeachment of Hixson. Hixson is removed from the Senate due to three absences.
- April 7: Fliers around campus depict Hixson as a puppet of the SGA administration and contain other libelous material against the Hixson/Leff ticket and its supporters.
- April 12: Fegan and Hixson discuss campaign mudslinging during a presidential debate.
- April 12: The Judicial Council removes Andy Hixson from office and deems him ineligible to run for president. It also decides to reinstate Leff.
- April 13: Dean of Students Kent Kelso overrules judicial council's ruling on Hixson's eligibility.

## SGA election animosity boils over

## Eligibility contested

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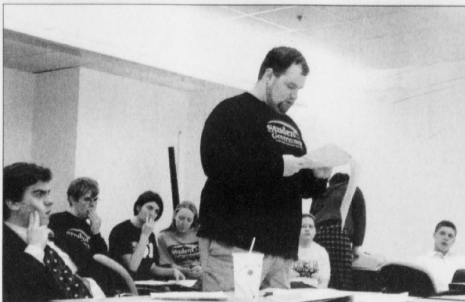
Members of the Student Government Association have called the eligibility of presidential candidate Andy Hixson into question during the final days leading up to today and tomorrow's election.

Hixson, former Vice President for Public Relations, was determined ineligible to run for president by the SGA Judicial Council at an April 12 hearing. Hixson appealed the decision to Dean of Students Kent Kelso on April 13, and Kelso ruled to overturn the council's decision.

"The other side is afraid Hixson/Leff is going to win," Hixson said.

Hixson believes his opposition found a "technicality" to get him out of the race, and claims that they thought the impeachment would get him out. He said that when it failed to do so, they looked for something else.

The Judicial Council decided 4-0 that Hixson was ineligible to run for president based on election guidelines. The guidelines set forth in the SGA constitution state that, "Each candi-



SGA President Chris Pace argued that Andy Hixson does not meet eligibility requirements for the election.

D.J. Carter/Photographer

date for President and Executive Vice President must have served one semester on Student Senate or Judicial Council by the beginning of the fall semester following their election." (Article VI, Sect. 1, B.9)

According to Vice President for Administrative Affairs Joe Myers, who filed the appeal of

Hixson's eligibility, Hixson does not meet these requirements because he has only served on the executive board, and was removed from that position on April 12.

The constitution clearly establishes a separation of powers between the three branches of SGA, which reinforces the prosecution's argument that

there is a distinction between being a Senator and serving on the executive board. The constitution states that, "Any student of Northern Kentucky University shall be governed by three branches: Executive (the Executive Board), Legislative (the Student Senate), and

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## Council removes Hixson

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The Student Government Association Judicial Council removed Andy Hixson from the position of vice president for public relations April 12, following his formal impeachment by the Senate on April 5.

Vice President for Administrative Affairs Joe Myers led the prosecution against Hixson in the April 12 impeachment trial and argued that Hixson has been in dereliction of his duties. Judicial council ruled in Myers's favor 4-0.

"They did the right thing," Myers said. "Judicial council recognized the truth."

The ruling came after over a month of debate over impeachment proceedings. The SGA Ethics Committee, chaired by Myers, initially attempted to impeach Hixson March 5, on charges that Hixson has been absent from a majority of executive board meetings and also failed to

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## Candidates' debate gets personal

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Regardless of which candidate is elected this week, Northern Kentucky University students can expect their next Student Government Association president to lobby for university funding in Frankfort and to "rebuild bridges" burned between stu-

dent organizations and the current SGA administration, according to remarks made in the April 12 presidential debate.

Executive Vice President Eric Fegan and former Vice President for Public Relations Andy Hixson argued on little else during the debate, which became intensely personal as the candidates addressed accusations of mudslinging and campaign misconduct.

"Running for president, you know all the cobwebs and dirty stuff is gonna come out," Hixson said in response to questions about the conduct that resulted in his recent impeachment from SGA. Hixson was removed from office on April 12, but filed an appeal of the decision April 13 with the Dean of Students' office.

"I had nothing to do with your impeachment," Fegan told

Hixson. Hixson has charged the current SGA administration with trying to discredit him during the election because he spoke out against its proposed constitution in January.

Fegan, accused of distributing fliers depicting Hixson as a puppet of the administration, said that mudslinging was not a part of his campaign strategy.

"I didn't do that. I don't think any of my people would do that," he said. "But I can't

fully guarantee one of my people didn't do that."

"There was a clear split in the audience on who supported who," said Dean of Students Kent Kelso, who moderated the event. "I wish we had more neutral students there."

He said, however, that he was "pleased" with the turnout of approximately 150 students, faculty and staff.

The candidates also dis-

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## Greenhouse will bring more growth to campus

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NKU may be a little greener in the near future. University officials revealed plans for a 3,050 square foot campus greenhouse.

The project is expected to cost about \$600,000, becoming the first of its kind to grace Northern Kentucky.

The greenhouse will benefit NKU students and people in the surrounding communities.

"It is going to be a community center," said Debra Pearce, NKU interim chair and biology

professor.

A classroom located inside the greenhouse will allow students, adult learners and botanists to learn and teach about plant life. Master gardeners will also have access to the greenhouse to share their information at various forums.

Students K-12 will be encouraged to visit and see how plants grow and propagate. "Plants are the foundation of life on Earth," said Pearce. "It behooves all of us to be informed on how they benefit us and how we can protect them."

The greenhouse will have

three individually controlled areas allowing plants from various habitats to live.

The project, originally budgeted at \$500,000, may be located behind the University Suites and near the ceramics and sculpture studios. There is no final word on a location.

An official groundbreaking date has yet to be set, but campus officials hope to receive the OK from the state legislative committee by the end of May, according to Larry Blake, vice president of facility management.

The existing greenhouse, built in 1974, is located on the

top of the old science center.

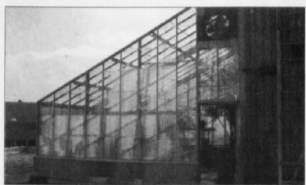
"The [current] greenhouse is impossible to renovate," said NKU biology professor Larry Giesmann.

Problems with the present greenhouse include temperature regulation problems, leakage through the greenhouse floor and lack of space.

"We have 10 [or more] classes that use the greenhouse," Giesmann said.

A new greenhouse would be better suited for the large number of students who utilize it.

The greenhouse is one of several additions to the campus.



Mark Bennett/Photographer

The current greenhouse does not meet class size requirements.

## To pierce or not to pierce...

...That is the question. Worried that your new flesh ornament may make your ear fall off? Thanks to some new regulations from the Health Department, studios will now be held to higher sanitary standards.

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APR 11 2004  
Sunday 7:23 p.m.  
Classification: TRAFFIC -  
Vehicle Stop/ARREST  
Location: JOHN'S HILL  
ROAD  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Officer observed  
two motorcycles swerving  
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a stop sign at the listed location.  
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Sunday 12:18 a.m.  
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Location: NUNN DRIVE  
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Summary: Officers observed a  
vehicle disregard a stop sign at  
the listed location. The driver  
was subsequently issued a  
Kentucky State Citation for the  
same.

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## Fegan's fraternity to be investigated

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On April 13 Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity President and Student Government Association presidential candidate Eric Fegan called foul at an investigation into allegations of misconduct at a Pi Kappa Alpha event.

Officially, according to Dean of Students Kent Kelso, "an investigation has been launched by the Dean of Students' office about a fraternity."  
He said that charges have not been filed and that the office is considering "whether there is sufficient evidence" to justify

any. He refused to further comment about the investigation.

Fegan said the investigation involves his fraternity, and that the allegations focus on Pi Kappa Alpha's April 10 fraternity initiation on the fifth floor of Landrum Academic Center. He said the investigation is "bogus."

Fegan said that he is troubled by the timing of the investigation, in light of the looming SGA election and recent developments within SGA. He said he feels personally targeted.

"The eerie, eerie timing of the events coming shows a definite impropriety," he said. "Both issues, I believe, are interrelated...I think the university is

doing this just to get back at me for things in SGA."

"They have no charges," he said. "My fraternity has done nothing wrong."

He said he felt he could say this with certainty because he said he was "personally there" at the event.

Fegan said a "faculty member heard loud cursing" from the event and called the Department of Safety with a complaint. He said a DPS officer responded, and things were quickly resolved.

Fegan provided The Northerner with a forwarded e-mail from Student Life Director Betty Mulkey that allegedly contains the faculty member's

complaint.

In this e-mail, the faculty member describes the alleged cursing:

"The participants in this initiation ritual are shouting about 'big fat red p...s...' and 'I suck my own d...k.' They are now yelling 'I wanna f--- red meat too.'"

Fegan said the cursing wasn't grounds for charges, that everyone curses, and that he has even heard the Dean of Students curse.

He said that he recently hired an attorney to address SGA issues and that he may involve an attorney with the investigation "to protect myself and my fraternity."

## Kerry urges students to get involved

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Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., wants college students to vote in November's presidential election in order to make their voice heard in America, and he embarked April 12 on a nationwide campus tour to encourage student civic participation as part of an initiative called a "Compact with the Next Generation."

"Young people have this enormous power, and they really have to understand and embrace it and go out and use it," Kerry told college journalists on April 13. "Young people have to reemerge as a political force in America."

In exchange for increased student involvement, Kerry has promised to work for more affordable tuition costs.

His plan includes a yearly tax credit for students of the first \$4,000 dollars of tuition, and a

"Service For College plan," whereby students who commit to two years of community or national service would earn in return the equivalent of their state's tuition rate for a four-year public university. Kerry said the money would be paid directly to the student for use at the university of their choice.

"This race is a choice between common sense and a failed economic policy," Kerry said.

"We want students to begin to realize their ability to affect the outcome of this election," Kerry has also committed to giving more federal money to states to help keep tuition low. He attributed a national increase in tuition of 28 percent during the last three years to President Bush's tax cut.

Kerry said that 220,000 students have been "priced out of college this year," and proposed a \$25 billion one-year state aid program to alleviate that problem. He said inflated tuition rates are a direct result of

decreased federal funding to states.

"I will keep the tuition tax credit for students," Kerry said, but added that other funding initiatives could be reduced due to "budget realities."

Kerry also addressed the issue of Social Security funding and promised college students that Social Security funds would be available to them.

"I guarantee that it will be there through this century, for your generation and the next," he told college journalists.

He said that the funds would be "just fine," if we're fiscally responsible, and added that, "I

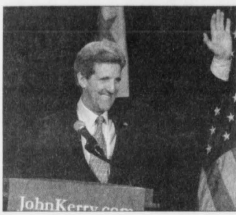


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Sen. John Kerry, who hopes to win the presidency in Nov., addresses supporters at a recent rally.

do not intend to privatize Social Security."

Kerry embarked April 12 on a tour of four northeast universities, where he will detail his contract and encourage students to register to vote.

More information can be found at [www.johnkerry.com](http://www.johnkerry.com).

## nationalbriefs

### Bush: U.S. will stand behind Iraq war

President George Bush said in a press conference Tuesday night that, although the war with Iraq has been difficult, the United States will stand behind its actions and send more troops if necessary, according to an April 13 Associated Press report. Bush also said the U.S. would adhere to its June 30 deadline to transfer control of Iraq to Iraqis. There have been more U.S. casualties in Iraq in the past month than at any time since the war's beginning. Eighty-three U.S. troops have been killed and 560 have been wounded since this month.

### FBI missed signs to prevent 9/11 attacks

The Federal Bureau of Investigation overlooked important clues that could have helped prevent the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks upon the U.S., according to The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. The commission said April 13 that the FBI should have linked terrorism suspect Zacarias Mousaoui to al-Qaida prior to the attacks, according to an April 13 Associated Press report. Testimony also accused Bush administration officials of negligence. Former FBI director Thomas Pickard told the commission that Attorney General John Ashcroft refused to listen to his biweekly briefings on the threat of terrorism. Ashcroft denied the charges.

### Gas prices at all-time high

The average price of a gallon of gas has increased 2 1/2 cents to \$1.82 during the past two weeks, the Associated Press reported April 11. Experts attribute the rise to the high cost of crude oil and limited gasoline production. Gas prices have increased by 31.5 cents per gallon during the last five months.

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# othernews

## Anti-Hixson fliers posted improperly

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Fliers discrediting former Vice President for Public Relations Andy Hixson and his running mate, Sen. Jeff Iker, were removed from the Northern Kentucky University campus on April 7, after university officials discovered the fliers had fake stamps of approval from the Office of Student Affairs.

Posted only a week before the Student Government Association election, the fliers removed all had "the truth" written across the top, with information opposing Hixson's election below. However, all of the fliers also had a disclaimer at the bottom, stating, "The truth is an independent student voice and is not representative of any SGA campaign."

Students saw the fliers and notified Steve Meier, associate to the dean of students, who determined that the fliers violated the Student Code for forg-

ing a university stamp.

"It seems by looking at the flier that somebody took a stamp that was on a previous flier that was posted on campus and re-imaged it on this flier," Meier said. "On some of the fliers you could see there was an outline where it looked like they had cut it out and put it on there. The [number] one [in the date] is also obviously altered. That's the only proof that we have."

According to the NKU poster distribution policy, "All posters, fliers, handbills, and banners to be placed on non-academic areas of the Northern Kentucky University campus must be authorized and stamped by the Dean of Students designate, University Center Management, University Center Information Desk, 100A. The Dean of Students' stamp indicates review of the party requesting permission to post notice and does not indicate an endorsement of content."

The stamp shows that the sign "has been approved by the Office of Student Affairs" and

is void after 30 days at most. University Center Management must also receive a copy of the posted materials to keep on file. Facility Coordinator Terri Bridwell said the fliers against Hixson were never brought to the Information Center for authorization before being posted, however.

Meier said if he learns who posted the fliers, consequences are inevitable but may vary depending on the circumstances. Hixson's opposing candidate Executive Vice President Eric Fegan said he had no knowledge of the fliers until Meier brought them to his attention. Fegan said he knew it looked bad on his part because of the similarities of the use of the phrase "the truth" in the Hixson fliers and campaign materials the Fegan/Politt team posted a month ago.

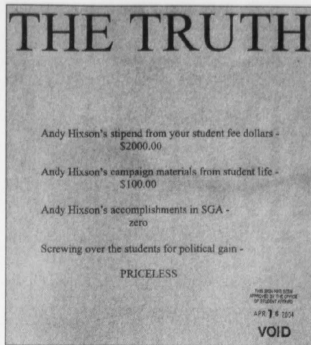
"I saw a lot of Fegan/Politt signs that said 'the truth,' you know, everywhere, and it was just funny to me that these said at the top 'the truth' and then lies about me and things that were bad about me," Hixson said.

"Whether they came from Eric or not, I don't know, but had there been signs about Eric Fegan like that, I would have called a press conference publicly saying 'I do not support this, this is not something that I stand for.'"

Fegan said that while he had nothing to do with the fliers, he cannot guarantee that no one from his campaign team was involved. With such specific information on the fliers—such as the amount of money Hixson would receive as a stipend from student fees—Fegan said he thinks he has an idea of who may have posted the fliers.

"It's gotta be one of three groups of people: Someone inside SGA for the most part—someone inside SGA and someone inside my campaign—someone outside of either campaign that's just in the know, or three, [Hixson's] campaign," Fegan said.

"I don't know who did it; I've asked, but I have no leads," Meier said.



Fliers such as the one above were posted on campus by an unknown person or group. They featured slanderous statements.

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post his 10 required weekly office hours this year.

The committee sent a letter of charges to the Judicial Council, but the council ruled March 19 that the committee's process was unconstitutional because it did not obtain a petition signed by two-thirds of the Senate.

Following the council's March ruling, Myers drafted a petition requesting Hixson's impeachment. Myers, along with SGA President Chris Pace and Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs Trey Orndorff, approached Senators individually to request their signatures, according to several Senators.

Myers, Orndorff, Executive

Vice President Eric Fegan and Sens. Amanda Bailey, Adam Billiter, Gary Darna, Sherre Davis, Tiffany Evans, Brett Hardebeck, Ben Harrison, Abdul Kazi, Joseph P. Mayer III, Jody McFarland, Tye Mortensen, Paul Myers, James Politt, Josh Ruth, Derek Schaeffer, Christina Smith, Mike Tobertga, Michael Vaughan, Jennifer Wallace and Richard Washington signed the petition.

Chief Justice Dave Caddell announced Hixson's impeachment at the April 5 Senate meeting.

Myers called Tobertga, Pace and Orndorff to testify during the trial. The witnesses attested

that Hixson did not fulfill his duties as required by the SGA constitution. Tobertga said he kept track of Hixson's office hours, and Orndorff verified that Hixson has only attended one executive board meeting this semester.

"We're just asking you to take responsibility," Pace told Hixson during his testimony.

Myers also introduced new evidence against Hixson during the trial. He said that SGA had conducted an investigation of allegations that Hixson had contributed to underage drinking while on January's SGA retreat. Myers refused to reveal who conducted the investigation.

"I am somewhat disturbed that someone consciously chose to withhold information from the Dean of Students' office regarding possible serious violations of the code of conduct and possible violations of state law," said Dean of Students Kent Kelso. "It appears that that information was released at a time of their choosing and a time of their benefit."

Kelso said someone should have informed him of the allegations long ago, because the retreat happened nearly three months ago. He also said that SGA does not have the power to conduct investigations of

this type, and that matters of this kind are to be handled by the Dean of Students' office.

According to Kelso, the way SGA handled this situation was "poor judgment" on its part. He also said that the Dean of Students' office plans to investigate the matter—not only the allegations, but also what individuals have withheld information from his office.

"What was the alternative motive in choosing to present this in the time, place and manner that it was?" Kelso asked. "We have a significant mess on our hands, and it's gonna take some time to work our way through that."

Sen. Nathan Hagler, who served as Hixson's legal counsel during the impeachment and removal proceedings, argued that all the charges against Hixson were hearsay, because no official documents could prove that Hixson did not fulfill his office hours or attend executive board meetings.

Hixson said he was "surprised" by Judicial Council's decision because he thought they were "trustworthy" people.

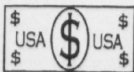
"The Judicial Council placed the burden of proof on me, not the prosecution," Hixson said. "It was up to me to prove I was innocent instead of the other side proving me guilty."

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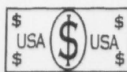
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Judicial (the Judicial Council). These branches shall be separate, but interrelated." (Article III, Sect. 1.)

SGA President Chris Pace led the prosecution against Hixson at the appeal hearing.

"I wrote it. I know what I meant when I wrote it," Pace said. "There's a good reason executive board members weren't included [on the eligibility requirements]."

Pace said that he thinks presidential candidates need to have experience on the Senate before they can lead it.

Hixson said that he has all the responsibilities of a senator and more. He said that he votes and can propose legislation, just like an elected senator.

Hixson, who said it would be a "tragedy" to have his slate removed from the ballot, appealed the Judicial Council's ruling to Kelso.

"Let's let the students decide

who they want as their leader, not the current SGA president," Hixson said.

Kelso said he decided to allow Hixson to run because the eligibility requirements state a candidate must have served "on" the Senate, not "in" the Senate.

Kelso said that executive board members' duties include responsibilities typically associated with senators.

"This constitution has significant numbers of contradictory statements and clauses within it," Kelso said. "Therefore, when there is contradiction, it needs to be interpreted."

"Election Committee chair Michael Vaughan said that he will not acknowledge Kelso's decision, and he said that any votes for the Hixson-Iker slate will be invalid."

"[The election committee] can make any claims they want," Kelso said. "I don't have any response to that."

"When it comes to the SGA election, the buck stops with the SGA election committee," Vaughan said.

Vaughan said that the constitution is "very explicit" in saying that the final decision on election matters is with the Judicial Council.

The constitution states, "The judicial council is the final interpreter of all disputes involving Election Rules and Guidelines" (Article IV, Sec. 3, D).

However, Kelso believes this is "overridden" by another section of the constitution that states, "If either party to the appeal is aggrieved by the decision of the judicial council, that party may further appeal to the Dean of Students within 10 official school days of the judicial council's decision for determination of the matter." (Article III, Sect. 1, C.2.e.)

"Article [IV] is not going to remove a right from article [III]," said Kelso, who also serves as advisor to SGA.

"If this is a student government election, why is the administration taking such an active role in determining who and who cannot be on the ballot?" asked Executive Vice President Eric Fegan, Hixson's opponent in the presidential race.

"[Kelso] can undermine student government, the elected leaders of students, with a snap of his finger, and I think that's his least likely happening right now," Fegan said. "We're fighting like hell to make sure that doesn't happen."

Fegan has hired Beth Louis, attorney at law, to represent his legal rights in this situation. Fegan said they could attempt to nullify the election if they feel it was handled inappropriately.

"If it takes me getting an attorney in here saying that the

students need some power, that's what's gonna happen," Fegan said.

Fegan said he plans to sponsor a resolution proposing that SGA no longer needs an advisor, and plans to bring the resolution before the Senate at the April 19 meeting.

"I think the dean loves control," Fegan said. "This time the dean has overstepped his bounds, when he blatantly told us the constitution doesn't matter."

"In this period of time, with this particular election, emotions are very high. The utmost concern in most people's mind is to win, and to win at all costs. What I in this office attempt to do, is to make sure that processes are followed and that fundamental fairness is assured for everyone, and that attempts to take advantage of alleged loopholes... are handled fairly, reasonably and prudently."

## Corrections

• The date of the Job Expo was incorrectly reported in an advertisement in the March 31 issue of *The Northerner* (Job Expo special section, back page). It was listed as Tues., April 26. The correct date was Tues., April 6. Although the event has past, the staff of *The Northerner* apologizes for the mistake.

• The name of SGA Chief Justice Dave Caddell was spelled incorrectly in the April 7 issue ("Candidates face changes," front page). It was listed as Caddell, but the correct spelling is Caddell. It was correct spelled in Caddell. It was correct spelled in Caddell. It was correct spelled in Caddell.

• The *Northerner* inaccurately reported in the April 7 issue that SGA Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs Trey Omdorf is running for the same position in this year's SGA election ("SGA allocates funds to race," front page). Omdorf is running for election to the position of Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

*The staff of The Northerner would like to apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstanding the inaccuracies may have caused.*

## Debate *Continued from page one*

agreed on the merits of the proposed new SGA constitution, which will be on the ballot in today and tomorrow's election.

The constitution is described as "proposed changes in the SGA constitution as approved by the SGA Senate" on the ballot because, although it is fundamentally different from the current constitution, it was written and proposed to the Senate as an amendment, not a new document, according to Chief of Staff James Pollitt.

Fegan praised the constitution because of its emphasis on an initiative called "shared governance," which would give SGA more influence over other student organizations.

"Students have to work together," he said. "We can gain a lot more for students."

"I'm all for student empower-

ment," Hixson said, "but SGA sometimes goes too far."

He said the new constitution "gives more power to the executive board, but less accountability. In theory, it's great; but in practice - watch out."

Fegan said Hixson had supported the initiative at the SGA January retreat. He quoted Hixson as saying: "Fuck yeah - let's get APB," a claim that Hixson did not deny.

The animosity between the Activities Programming Board (APB) and SGA has increased since last August, when SGA proposed "increased collaboration" with APB.

Some members of both organizations viewed the proposal as an attempted takeover of the organization, a belief that intensified during debate over the proposed new constitution in January and February.

After the Senate ratified the constitution Feb. 18, APB members said they were satisfied with the modifications made.

Students openly challenged Fegan's commitment to international students during the debate.

They alleged that Fegan failed to fairly allocate funds to the African Student Union last year while he served as chair of the Legacy Fund, an account designated to finance student organizations.

"We only have a finite amount of money," he said. "We try to fund things as fairly and equitably as possible."

Fegan said he had referred

the ASU to the Dean of Students' office because his request was for programming funding, and Legacy funds were geared more toward organizations' travel expenses.

Fegan said that he realizes that international students suffer the most when they come to tuition due to fluctuating exchange rates.

He promised to "work to give full control of student dollars to students."

Despite politics, money's what's important," he said.

Hixson disagreed, saying, "Money is not power. Without the student, SGA is nothing. It's your voice that gets carried from SGA to the administra-

tion."

One student in the audience criticized Hixson's ticket as lacking diversity because he and his running mate, Jeff Iker, are president and vice president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

"Together, we've taken ATO to new heights," Hixson said. "It's not because he's my 'yes-man,' He provides good balance. I don't think that either ticket could be criticized for lack of diversity."

Both candidates said they feel qualified to lead the student body based upon previous administrative and business experience, as well as a strong desire to do so.

Both also said it is important for the next SGA president to "take NKU to Division I, socially and academically" as well as athletically, and said they would collaborate with

administrators in order to achieve the maximum benefit for students. The SGA election will be held April 14 and 15.

Students can vote online from 7:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. Students can find the Web site by visiting the either the NKU or SGA homepages, [www.nku.edu](http://www.nku.edu) or [www.nkugaa.org](http://www.nkugaa.org).

Students can also vote at polling booths in the University Center, Norse Commons and Nunn Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Fegan and Pollitt are running for president and executive vice president. Hixson and Iker are their opponents.

Students will also vote for three other executive board members, 15 senators, two judicial council justices, and decide whether to approve the proposed constitution.

*"Money is not power. Without the student, SGA is nothing"*

-Andy Hixson

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# viewpoints

## Letters to the editor

### Race makes foes of friends

Dear Editor,

Isn't it fascinating how in one week people can turn on each other so quickly? With all of the politics raging around campus, I would like to speak from a neutral standpoint. I have no agenda in this letter except to say this: Let the madness stop.

What I mean to say is that I have seen this political battle turn from its agenda (debating political views) to personal attacks and feuds. Friends of mine have been torn apart due to political views, and people are treating each other horribly for no other reason than their political stance.

People are being yelled at for not voting the way their sorority sisters, fraternity brothers, and friends are voting.

So what if they want to vote differently? Just because they are in your "group" does not necessarily mean that they have to vote the same way. This campus needs diversity.

I want everybody to take into account the fact that we have four great candidates running. Eric Fegan and James Pollitt are two great guys with good ideas. Andy Hixson and Jeff Iker are also friends of mine who bring it to the table. We win with either candidate.

In closing, don't let your views conflict with your social life. Stop fighting each other over petty details. Hopefully, everybody can take this into account. Relax. Have fun. And may the best man win.

Russell (R.P.) Proctor  
 Freshman, speech communication

### Campaign calls integrity into question

Dear Editor,

It seems as if The Northerner has been inundated with letters to the editor regarding the upcoming SGA election. I had hoped to write out of it until I read this week's Northerner. It was not only the article regarding the accusations of Mr. Hixson and Mr. Iker that forced me to write this letter, rather, it was a particular comment that sparked my interest.

I attended an SGA meeting earlier this semester at which point Executive Vice President Eric Fegan stood to tell the Senate and guests that he and Andy Hixson "are buddies, still are good buddies." Therefore, you can imagine my surprise when I read this week's Northerner, where Mr. Fegan referred to Mr. Hixson as a "thorn in my ass all semester." I don't know about each one of you, but to me, that is not the sort of professionalism I expect from a student leader representing my interests.

### editorial board

#### STAFF EDITORIAL

Dirty politics: We all know the drill. You chip away at your opponent's credibility. You publicly bash your opponent. You get your supporters to do the rest of the dirty work, such as questioning your opponent's ethics and reputation. We've all seen the political games before, just not at NKU: until this year's SGA presidential and vice-presidential race.

This year's election is unprecedented in many ways: the use of online voting and party tickets, a ticket with one member removed from office, and in the abundance of mudslinging and dirty tricks.

The outcome of the vote also holds more importance post-secondary education funding.

This, perhaps, could account for the dirty turn the race has taken. But a more likely explanation is that partisan politics have played an increasingly influential role in SGA over the past several semesters, and from the tone of this race, are here to stay.

A month ago, there was every indication this race would be friendly: The presidential candidates had been friends for years prior to com-

This campaign has led me to question the character of some of our most prominent student leaders. Throughout this entire process of slanderous comments, and questionable impeachments, and Judicial Council rulings, Mr. Hixson and his running mate Jeff Iker have taken the higher road. Dirty campaigns may work in big-time politics, but here at NKU, I want someone with high integrity representing me.

We, as students, are in charge of electing a student leader that will represent Northern Kentucky University. Mr. Hixson has recently taken a stand for what he and other students believe regarding the proposed constitutional amendment. While this may be a proposal some favor, not all do. I define a leader as someone who can stand up for his or her beliefs when facing adversity. Mr. Hixson has done that.

Many have been concerned with the fact that Mr. Hixson and Mr. Iker are fraternity brothers, and question the balance of power that would result. My last question is this: how balanced is the power when two of the five members of the Judicial Council are fraternity brothers of Eric Fegan?

Ashley Dorris  
 Freshman, elementary education

### Students disillusioned by dirty politics

Dear Editor,

I finally felt that it was time for me to comment about the SGA elections taking place today and tomorrow.

I along with a lot of other students, am SEVERELY tired of all the douche-bag politics that have taken place during this election. I think that some parties have shown their true colors, and their supporters have shown the kind of people that would represent those candidates. Students, if you missed any of the slanderous signs posted around the University

Center about Andy Hixson and Jeff Iker this past week, just feel free to ask around – they were everywhere.

I think that this whole election has been a "thorn in my ass," and in everyone else's. Let's just face it: there has been so much mudslinging and dirty politics in this process that everyone is becoming disillusioned with what their student government experience "should be." Students are being promised the world. How many of these promises can actually be accomplished? How many of these promises are just trying to get my vote? I sure would love to come to school tomorrow, for free, eating five-star meals, magically causing racism and plagiarism to disappear from NKU, kicking back beers in University Suites, while knowing that if I walked across campus at 10 p.m. there would be enough light and security to make me feel completely safe. Yes, these are great aspirations, but I think I have heard of these before, and where did they go last time? What great changes came from this past year's SGA? I plan on finding a candidate who offers realistic ideas of how to make my experience better, not just telling me what I want to hear to buy my vote.

I, for one, am tired of this mess and am happy that, as of tomorrow, the elections will finally be over. Until that time, however, I want to strongly encourage students to take time and actually vote. This election is critical for the upcoming school year. You can choose to stay with the same old administration we had last year, where virtually nothing was accomplished (congratulations), or you can try the "radical" approach and vote with a candidate who just might give a damn and want to make some changes around here that will truly affect the students. I don't know who you are going to vote for, but I want SGA to DO something this year. I'm voting for Andy. But hey, you decide your own way.

Dustin Lewis  
 Junior, speech communication

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## SGA race gets dirty

### Bush/Kerry can't compete with Hixson/Fegan animosity



Editorial cartoons by Mike Maydak

The SGA presidential race between Eric Fegan and Andy Hixson has become combative in the weeks leading up to the election.

peting for the presidency. Then came the attempts to undermine the credibility of each ticket. Now, it's safe to say the friendship between Andy Hixson and Eric Fegan has eroded as quickly as the respect students might have had for student government.

This race has become intensely political. The candidates have publicly insulted each other in the media and during SGA meetings.

Each candidate has been accused of illegal campaigning. SGA members have even accused the Dean of Students with election tampering.

Hixson's name has been taken off the ballot so many times that we've lost count. Candidates' constituents have also tried to undermine each of the candidates by posting illegal flyers on campus. They have also submitted letters to the editor of The

Northerner that mostly attack the candidates, and hardly give solid support to the candidate of their choice.

Members of the SGA administration have taken sides by working to discredit candidates and their running mates.

The public debate on the merits of Hixson and Fegan has turned into a private political debate, with SGA members and students bitterly divided on which candidate would be a better president.

Is the type of student leadership we truly need for the university, especially during a time of such aggressive growth and uncertain funding?

Do we need a leader who will be consumed by partisan politics and mudslinging, or do we need someone who will place his own interests aside in order to focus on the needs of the student body?

And will either of the candidates be capable of empowering students after this race is finished?

Students will be more likely to remember the way that the election was conducted rather than its outcome.

This isn't Capitol Hill, guys. Student government at NKU is about getting things done and fostering student empowerment. It's not about furthering your own political agenda at the expense of your opponents's reputation.

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### norse poll responses

Compiled by Tim Downer

Do you plan to vote in this week's student government election?



Alison Sheehy,  
 Senior, music education

"No."



Antonio Brown,  
 Freshman, undeclared

"Yes."



Rodney New,  
 Junior, theatre

"Who knows?"



Britnee Carter,  
 Sophomore, undeclared

"Yes."



Olisa Mbelu,  
 Junior, management

"Yes."



Natalie Jones,  
 Senior, music

"No."

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## slimbone

by mike maydak



## horoscopes

For the week of April 12-18

By Lasha Seniuk, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

### Aries (March 21-April 20)

Over the next few days, friends and lovers may react strongly to new opinions or social changes. Group expectations and romantic passions are high before midweek. Take extra time to explain last-minute cancellations and long-term intentions. Tuesday through Friday, business restrictions will be temporarily lifted. Pay special attention to minor financial details or revised payment schedules. Late Sunday, contact a distant or forgotten friend. Your emotional support is needed.

### Taurus (April 21-May 20)

Financial facts, permissions or paperwork are vital to the success of business ventures. Before Thursday, carefully research new ideas and check sources for misinformation. At present, workplace partnerships and complex projects will benefit from cautious planning and a relentless commitment to small details. Friday through Sunday, loved ones may ask for added private time. Contemplation and rest will have a strong appeal. Enjoy quiet, cozy moments in the home.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Before midweek, new romantic proposals are passionate but unreliable. Enjoy compliments from potential lovers but wait for valid promises. Emotional displays of affection or firm commitments. Love affairs and sensuality will be ongoing distractions. Remain determined and respond quickly to sudden reversals. Thursday through Saturday, financial delays are unavoidable. Clarity expectations and finalize all legal definitions. Authority figures may be moody or unresponsive.

### Cancer (July 22-Aug. 22)

Love relationships will challenge your need for privacy. Someone close may wish to bring greater spontaneity into his or her lives. Creativity, romantic expression and group behavior may be key issues. Welcome all social changes. Before June, emotional progress will be fast and rewarding. Wednesday through Saturday, older relatives may be unusually confrontational. Take none of it personally. Deep feelings of loss or doubt may require special attention.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Family decisions are unnecessary over the next few days. Although loved ones may press for quick home revisions; this is not the right time for newly established routines or heated group discussions. Encourage patience and opt for light social encounters. Close relatives will soon follow your example. Thursday through Saturday, business officials may offer misinformation or vague instructions. If so, remain silent but expect complex workplace changes before mid-June.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Social habits and repeated emotional patterns are sources of private tension. Group activities may provide the needed relief. Plan outdoor events or explore new forms of entertainment. Over the next few days, loved ones will adopt renewed optimism and challenge unproductive behaviors. Go slow and wait for obvious signals. After Friday, vitality returns. Expect minor ailments of the lower abdomen, stomach or digestion to steadily fade.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Listen closely to the social needs and family expectations of loved ones. Over the next eight days, a long-term friend or relative may require added group support. Areas affected involve addictive behaviors, complicated relationships or unusual power struggles between friends. Stay focused and offer sincere opinions. Your guidance may prove invaluable. After Thursday, ask key officials for special permissions. Added skills, education and job promotions will soon be top priorities.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Romantic partners may demand increased access to private family decisions. Community involvement and group awareness are key concerns for loved ones. Encourage a fresh perspective. Important relationships will eventually require dramatic emotional growth and serious choices. Wednesday through Saturday also highlight new communications between colleagues. Revised job roles may create minor tensions. Remain attentive to group politics.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Younger relatives may be temperamental or quick to anger. Don't be derailed. Over the next few days, close friends and family members will need extra time to explore a fresh social perspective or new family behaviors. Provide optimism and reassurance. Calm home relations will soon be re-established. After Thursday, a minor flirtation may quickly become passionate. Avoid social triangles, if possible, and respond honestly to unusual group announcements.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Friendly or innocent flirtations deepen. Over the next eight days, expect rare complications between business partners or long-term friends. Although new attractions are rewarding, minor delays concerning dates, times or romantic promises may still be bothersome. Wait for an obvious display of public affection before taking emotional risks. Your patience will prove worthwhile. Late Saturday, home relations may be strained. Go slow and ask subtle questions.

### Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Someone close may reveal a powerful need for social or romantic change. Before midweek, boredom, emotional withdrawal and long-term doubt may need to be publicly addressed. Loved ones need your continuing support. Offer constructive ideas and watch for steady changes. Wednesday through Saturday, romantic attraction is difficult to resist. Vivid dreams, sudden invitations or passionate overtures are accentuated. Trust your first impressions.

### Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)

Important business decisions are best avoided over the next eight days. Authority figures may feel briefly threatened by public announcements, probing questions or changing routines. Remain cautious, but respond quickly to valid opportunities for candid discussions. Your suggestions and needs will eventually be taken seriously. Thursday through Sunday, romantic and social planning may be difficult. Expect lower or long-term friends to avoid new commitments.

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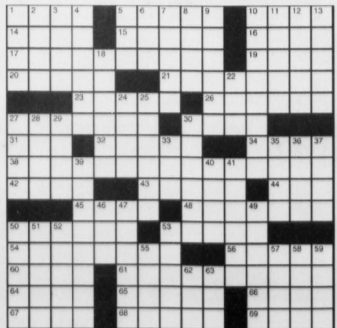
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- 1 Campus quarters
- 5 Corporate symbols
- 10 Self-satisfied
- 14 Square measure
- 15 Used a broom
- 16 Actress Turner
- 17 Lovelace gonzo

- 19 Bone: pref.
- 20 Way from the heart
- 21 Confederate cry?
- 23 Muse of poets
- 26 Class members
- 27 Salad green
- 30 Norway capital
- 31 Kalline and Jolson
- 32 Merganser
- 34 Iodine source

### DOWN

- 2 Early word from baby
- 3 Black-and-white treat
- 4 Bring up
- 5 Weasel's cousin
- 6 Baton Rouge sch.
- 7 Part of BYOB
- 7 Square one
- 8 Switchboard pers.
- 9 Shoulder bands
- 10 Dowdler
- 11 Pastoral people of Kenya
- 12 Prior to
- 13 Some Highlanders
- 18 Badger
- 22 Brynner of "The King and I"
- 23 Summit
- 24 "Tommy" band
- 27 Saritort Mort
- 28 Maneuver
- 29 Danube feeder
- 30 Basketball willows
- 33 With what motive?
- 35 Stanley
- 36 Gaudin
- 37 Lounge lizard's look
- 37 Paid players
- 39 Drizzle unit
- 40 Clip
- 41 Type of hat
- 46 San Francisco hill
- 47 Small-time
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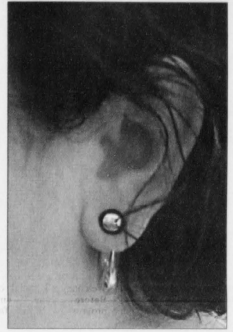
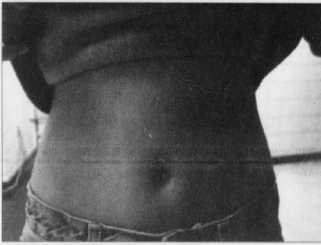
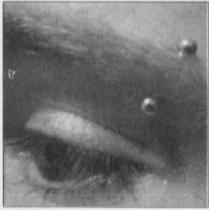
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Worried about body modification? Will you get an infection?  
 New regulations set safe standards for sanitary flesh ornaments.



Photos contributed by Brianna Bodine

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More than April Fools' pranks occurred on April 1st — regulations set by the Kentucky Health Department were put into effect, making it a law that body piercing studios and limited ear piercing studios obtain a certification in order to operate.

Not only must studios obtain a certification after passing an inspection by the Health Department, but individual piercers will need to be certified as well.

"This is a needed idea. I feel like with the Health Department getting involved it will help with drawing out people who do piercing [who] probably shouldn't be," said Chelsea Iscoe, master piercer at Mothers Tattoo and Piercing Studio in Covington, Ky.

## New Regulations

With the new law in effect, approximately 50 new studios will be added to the Health Department's list. Each new studio will have to be inspected, along with the seven other tattoo studios that have been under inspection since the early 1990s.

Their inspections include studios in Boone, Campbell, Grant, and Kenton counties.

Ear piercing studios will undergo certification along with body piercing studios. The facilities, and each individual piercer, will be inspected and certified. However, on the certification it will highlight that the facility and piercer are limited to ears only and that there should be no other body parts pierced.

"I'm hoping that...the standards of piercing will increase. Many people don't realize that when you're having a piercing done and you're breaking the skin, you are opening yourself up to the chance of disease, which can happen during a piercing or when the aftercare process begins," Iscoe said.

## Some of the regulations set in order for studios to be in compliance with the law included:

- The health and cleanliness of the facility
- Sterilization of body piercing instruments and equipment
- Single use of needles
- Hand washing
- Wearing of gloves
- Appropriate records of sterilization procedures and clients receiving service

A new requirement added to the list is that anyone under 18 years of age must now present written, notarized consent of a parent or legal guardian before they can be tattooed or pierced.

"Personally, I agree with all of the regulations, but the newest one states anyone under the age of 18 can obtain a tattoo or piercing with a notarized consent," Iscoe said.

"In our studio we must have a parent present."

## Sifting out the bad apples

Along with Iscoe, health environmentalist Rick Marksberry agreed that having the Health Department involved in the piercing practice will slow down the questionable operations, and will help sift out studios that aren't being the safest thing for themselves or their clients.

The Health Department is glad to see a push coming from the piercing and tattoo industry to get the state legislation more involved and help to set higher standards for their operations.

## Playing the enforcer

The Kentucky Health Department will make routine stops in all of the piercing studios at least twice a year, just like they do to tattoo parlors.

"Normally when the inspector comes through he does give us a call that morning before he comes. But there are times when he will stop in unannounced, which I think is a good idea because it keeps you on your toes and it allows the inspector to really see if you are working within the proper standards," Iscoe said.

As an overall gesture to help in the process of informing the community of pathogens and disease transmission, the Health Department has posted which tattoo studios have met the criteria on its Web site.

The Health Department is working to inspect body piercing and limited ear piercing studios to see if all the studios meet the regulations, and they will be posting those results soon.

Want to put some holes in your flesh? Check out one of these studios:

- Mothers 617 Main St. Covington, Ky. 859-261-8111
- Mysterious Tattoo 415 Scott St. Covington, Ky. 859-291-8288
- Designs by Dana 631 Main St. Covington, Ky. 859-292-8877

## campuscalendar

### wednesday

- Black Women's Organization Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third floor of Landrum.
- Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority Rock-A-Thon will be from 10 a.m. until tomorrow at noon in the University Center.
- Nurse Visitation Day from 12:45 to 3 p.m. starting in the Steely Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required and can be obtained with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400. Also held April 16, 19, and 20.
- Academic Advising Council Meeting from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Lucas Administrative Center 122.
- Please RSVP to Cathy Wisner at 572-6137 for Thursday's open forum on purchasing and refinancing your home, sponsored by Provident Bank. The forum is from noon to 1 p.m. in UC 108.

### thursday

- The Deadline for filing application for degree candidacy for Summer and Fall 2004 Graduation with the Office of the Registrar.
- A Master Advisor Workshop will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Steely Library 240. Please RSVP to Jackie Rowe (rowe@nku.edu or 572-6901).

### friday

- Student mentors needed for Freshman Service Leadership Committee's high school visitations, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the UC. Contact Tiffany Mayse at 572-5806.
- Advising Discussion Luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. in UC 11. Reservations required with Jackie Rowe at 572-6901.
- Spring Keyboard Concert, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Admission is free.
- The American Cancer Society's college-based visitations, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the UC. Contact Tiffany Mayse at 572-5806.
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### saturday

- A Walk for Women's Athletics Scholarships will be at 9 a.m. in Regent's Hall.
- Kids Night Out from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Albright Health Center. Event is open to girls and boys in grades one to five. Cost is \$10. Call 572-5193 for more information.

### sunday

- Rites of Spring begin and will continue until April 25.
- The Honors Convocation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. in the UC Bldg Theater.

### monday

- Early Childhood Center Open House from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in BEP 147. Will offer Open Enrollment. Call 572-1391 for reservations.
- Celebration of Freedom Day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the UC Bldg Theater.
- The Staff Congress Open Forum Series from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Steely Library 102. There will be two more, one on Tuesday, April 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Health Center room 310, and one Friday, April 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Administrative Center room 506.

- Guitar Ensemble Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall.
- Delta Week by Delta Sigma Theta runs until April 23.

### tuesday

- The Leadership Task Force will have a "Motivating & Empowering Others" event from noon to 1:30 p.m. in UC 108.
- String Student Chamber Ensemble at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

Nearly \$400,000 has been raised for women's athletic scholarships thanks to the 'Women's Walk for Athletics'



Tim Downer / Photographer

The money raised from the walk will help fund scholarships for the various women's athletics teams at NKU.

## Walk to fund scholarships

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In 1974, Northern Kentucky University became the first Kentucky university to offer athletic scholarships to women. Thirteen years ago, to help fund those scholarships, NKU decided to host "A Walk for Women's Athletics."

"A few years ago, we had a limited amount of money for scholarships," said Jeanne Papania, financial coordinator of intercollegiate athletics. "This was a way to increase scholarship money for athletes." With the money raised, the

scholarship will be divided among female athletes participating in women's sports. Funds will be allocated based upon a tiered system that they use for budgeting purposes. This year's Walk for Women's Athletics will be held on Saturday, April 17.

Over the past 13 years, more than 3,400 people have participated in the walks and raised nearly \$400,000 for women's athletic scholarships.

Papania said the walk is important because it gives a chance for students to "support your school and help your fellow students with scholarship money."

\$250 gift certificate to a local department store.

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the day for a chance to win \$1,500 worth of prizes, including gift certificates to restaurants and theatres.

Papania said that usually about 300 walkers participate.

She said that some people don't like to walk, and instead donate money.

This year's event will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Regent's Hall. It will last until approximately 11:30 a.m.

Students who are interested in competing should call the Athletics Office at (859) 572-5195 for more information about the event.

## CONCERT REVIEW

# Jazz Ensemble swings into spring

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The Northern Kentucky University Jazz Ensemble presented its spring concert on April 8 in Greaves Concert Hall, where some special guests performed in support of the group.

The Campbell County High School Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Brian Hogg, opened for the group with a fine performance of some big-band standards.

University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music instructor and trombonist Bill Gemmer sat in with the group for its performance.

Gemmer, a Newport native, is renowned in the Cincinnati jazz scene as one of the founders of the Blue Wisp Big Band.

The harmonized blues lines of the brass complemented the medium-tempo swing of arranger and composer Neal Hefti's "Cherry Point."

And the group followed this tune up with another Hefti standard ballad called "Lil' Darlin'."

The group approached the ballad with a high degree of taste and stylistic dynamics, demonstrating the range of these young students.

The tightly voiced harmonies were lush and balanced from section to section.

Don Menza's "Groove Merchant" closed the set, and allowed the students an opportunity to have some fun with the funk-based rhythms and melodies.

For a high school group, the talent level was impressive. (Note: It would have been more impressive if, when they were finished, they didn't sit behind me and talk loudly for the remainder of the show.)

After a brief set change, the NKU Jazz Ensemble launched into the fast swing and sonically intricate bar harmonies of Billy Byers' "Battery Charger."



The Northern Kentucky University Jazz Ensemble with director James Burtie (back row, fourth from left).

The tune was fueled by accurate rhythmic work from drummer Mike Johns, who also provided the only improvised passage of the song with his solo.

Saxophonist Wayne Shorter's "Yes or No" continued the swing vibe.

The 14-bar form is somewhat irregular, but the group held it together with ease. The 12/8 Afro-Cuban breaks provided contrast to the rigid swing of the arrangement.

The straight-ahead blues of Duke Ellington's

"Jack the Bear" featured bassist Todd Hale. Hale's solo was executed with impeccable timing. It carefully outlined the blues harmonies of the arrangement, hearkening back to the legendary style of Ellington's most famous bassist, Jimmy Blanton.

Next, Burtie and four of his fellow saxophonists performed a song written for the group Saxology entitled "Viper Cipher."

Burtie and the quintet put on a saxophone workshop as they simultaneously launched into

the rather dissonant, angular melodic line at break-neck speed.

The rhythm section provided a solid vehicle for the improvised sections and the soloists took full advantage of the space, delicately weaving harmonies into complex melodic inventions.

For variety, the program featured a smaller jazz combo setting with Bill Gemmer on trombone and saxophonist Bob Roden accompanied by the Jazz Ensemble rhythm section.

The combo played the jazz standard "I Thought About You." Gemmer's solo varied from a smooth ballad feel to some rather interesting honking and squealing.

Roden seemed lost; his solo lacked an overall cohesiveness and it sounded like he was struggling to fully exploit some of the simple motifs he established early in the solo.

Cincinnati-native Matt Harris' original song "El Gato" closed out the evening's program with a touch of Cuban dance music.

Harris' creative composition mixed the Cuban elements, such as rhythmic vamps and syncopation, with hints of a blues influence. It was an interesting selection and had a solid groove.

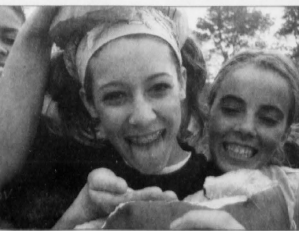
Performing and studying the work of originators, like Ellington and Basie, is paramount to the understanding of big band jazz. But the group would benefit from exploring more of the newer territory of the big band repertoire, however.

The highlights were definitely the more original songs like the sax quintet's "Viper Cipher" and "El Gato."

An infection of modern jazz elements such as those present in these songs would be a greatly appreciated addition to the style of this talented group of musicians.

Overall, the show was an impressive presentation of America's art music from two growing ensembles and dozens of talented performers of all ages.

# 'Rites' to encourage student activities



Breanna Gaddie / Photographer

APB continues its smashing tradition of last fall's 'Pumpkin Bust,' this time with watermelons to give the event a springtime feel.

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Over 100 watermelons and 300 college students can only mean two things: a fight for a healthy snack, or the Activities Programming Board's Fourth Annual Watermelon Bust.

We'll choose the latter. APB is preparing to host the age-old tradition entitled "The Rites of Spring."

The Rites of Spring is a week of events that personally activities associated with spring, said Jesse McDonald, a member of APB.

It is intended to bring out the feeling of spring in students by encouraging them to be active, he said.

This week of events will begin on Monday, April 19 and end with the main event, the Watermelon Bust, on Friday, April 23.

"Every year the events change, except the Watermelon Bust," said Jessica Nickolson, executive director for APB. McDonald remembers one year when they turned bathtubs into makeshift rills and raced across Lake Inferior.

The APB office would like everyone to get involved.

"That's why they're showing the movie *Godzilla* outside the Commonwealth dorms and putting things on the University Center plaza to be in the students' faces," said Nickolson.

"We are really trying to cater to students' needs. People don't think we listen, and we do."

The Watermelon Bust will include several mini-events, such as watermelon eating, seed spitting, a watermelon toss, carving, tug-a-war and a few others.

Anyone can make a team: organizations, sports teams, dorm halls, or just friends. Teams of eight or less should go to the Office of Student Life in University Center room 10 and pick up a registration form by Friday, April 16. The registration fee is \$15, and all team members will receive a free Rites of Spring 2004 T-shirt.

Along with the bust, students can attend other events during the week. Some events include riding a mechanical bull in the UC plaza on Monday, and Hip Hop Comedians Alfred and Seymour later that night.

Also, the band Eightfour will perform in the UC plaza during a cookout on Tuesday.

And on Wednesday, LEAD NKU will be having a car bashing in the UC plaza, where students can pay \$15 to take a whack at two donated cars.

Proceeds will go to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization.

The week is for all students to participate and enjoy at no cost.

"We want to see more than Greeks," McDonald said. "It's about the entire school."

For a complete listing of the week's events, see the APB advertisement on the opposite page.

For more information, visit the APB Web site at [www.nkuaapb.com](http://www.nkuaapb.com).



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## Rock finds home at Radio Down



Photos contributed by Melissa Hodges  
(Top) Ben Franks and Bobby Mix chill in the back of the bar; (Left) Manager/promoter Frank Hulefeld mingles with his clientele; (Right) Junior Revolution rocks the stage at Radio Down in Covington, Ky.

By MELISSA HODGES  
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With a hidden venue and no marquee, it's astonishing that Radio Down brings in a large crowd.

Since its opening on New Year's Eve 2003, Radio Down has been in full swing, with music acts ranging from local bands ("Track West," "Junior Revolution") to national acts ("Dillinger Escape Plan," "The Early November").

Located above Tickets Sports Bar on Sixth Street in Covington, Ky., Radio Down is an upbeat "rock and roll bar" with a cozy and unique atmosphere.

The venue welcomes music enthusiasts of all genres, offering a distinctive spin to the typical music setting.

"We've got a very laid-back atmosphere," said Frank Hulefeld, manager and promoter of Radio Down.

"The outside deck and the size set us apart from most venues."

"We don't try to be pretentious. We're just a good rock and roll bar."

Hulefeld, a former teacher, said he opened the bar because of his love for rock and roll music.

He added that it was much better than working what he referred to as a real 9 to 5 job. When he opened the bar, he said he had hoped to bring something different to the Cincinnati music scene.

The bar offers a welcoming ambience with its rock décor, comfortable lighting, and hidden couches in the back of the club.

Here, music fans can sit and talk to friends in between acts, or just hang out and relax.

The walls are painted a deep red, with matching rope lighting strung above the stage area. Tacked on the ceiling around the bar are various records.

"Radio Down has a good vibe," said Ben Franks, bartender and bar back. "It's so different than other bars."

Radio Down has another plus that makes it different from other bars.

Most of the music spots in the greater Tri-State area are 21 and over, making it difficult for those under age to support the local music scene.

But at Radio Down, those who are 16 and older can come to enjoy the music when the venue states "for all ages."

"I'm down for having anybody here as long as they have a good time," Hulefeld said.

"The bar supports everything from harder music to softer music. Whatever. We support all genres of music and all ages."

The success of the club is likely due to its support of the shows that people really want to see.

According to Hulefeld, the bar is doing great compared to

the numbers of other venues.

Essentially, the venue is just a place for people to check out local and touring bands, and a place to meet new people, said Hulefeld.

"Working here, I have made a lot of connections and friends. I've met a lot of pivotal people," Franks said.

"There is nothing better than being around rock and roll every day of your life."

For now, Radio Down is open four to five days a week, with shows every weekend.

However, this summer the club plans to stay open Tuesday through Sunday, beginning at the end of May.

As for the future of Radio Down, Hulefeld said, "I'm not sure."

"The bar is constantly changing," he said, "but we always stick to the basic principle of the laid-back atmosphere and the idea of trying to make a name for ourselves, locally and nationally."

### MOVIE REVIEW

## This 'Girl Next Door' is best left alone

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Falling in love isn't easy, especially when you fall in love with the porn star next door.

At least this is Emile Hirsch's dilemma in the newest teen flick "A Girl Next Door."

Hirsch, a newcomer to acting, plays Matthew Kidman, a straight-laced high school senior on his way to Georgetown University.

Even though he is one of the top students in his class and the student council president, Matthew isn't very popular with his classmates.

Especially the ladies.

All this changes when a beautiful girl, Danielle (Elisha Cuthbert) moves in next door. After an extremely revealing first encounter, the two strike up a friendship that predictably turns into romance.

For the first time in his life, Matthew is taking risks and loving every minute of it.

But problems arise when Matthew finds out that his dream girl is a former porn star.

Sadly enough, Matthew drives Danielle back to her old ways when he is unable to cope with her former lifestyle and risqué career.

Facing his fears, Matthew fights to win her back, with a little help from his friends Eli and Klitz.

Although it may sound like an interesting romantic comedy, "The Girl Next Door" is nothing more than a tasteless

piece of filmmaking.

The movie would have been best served focusing more on the two main characters and less on the absurd humor usually reserved for bathroom stalls.

The whole "boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl, boy-gets-girl-back" genre is a tired storytelling method, and the tale is successfully bulldozed into the ground and covered with crap by this movie.

While Hirsch does a good job of playing the awkward teen coming out of his shell,

Cuthbert is unbelievable as an adult film star.

Cuthbert flip-flops from sweet and innocent, to dark and mysterious so much that it's hard to tell if she really knows who she is at any point in the movie.

The best acting comes from Timothy Olyphant, who plays Kelly, a raunchy and perverted adult film producer.

His performance, although it certainly doesn't save the movie, should keep a few moviegoers from walking out

of the theatre.

"The Girl Next Door" certainly isn't the worst movie that Hollywood has ever put out, but it comes close.

However, something should be said for a film that was directed by the same man that brought audiences the equally forgettable movie, "The Animal."

Unless you can stand close to two hours of potty-mouth dialogue and disturbing images, "The Girl Next Door" is best left alone.

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## Sports Scene



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## Meier, crew do it right

Behind every successful collegiate athletic program, there stands successful players, coaches and trainers.

Possibly the most important group of an athletic program often gets overlooked, however, the administration within the athletic department.

At NKU, Athletic Director Jane Meier and her staff of assistants has contributed as much to the success of the Norse program as the players and coaches.

Meier has been athletic director at NKU since 1988. However, Meier was not a newcomer to the Northern Kentucky area or Northern Kentucky University when she took the job.

Meier served, very successfully, as women's head basketball, softball and volleyball coach at NKU during different stints.

She finished her coaching career with a total of 457 combined victories during ten seasons.

Meier's assistants include: Senior Associate Athletic Director for Administration Dr. Scott Eaton, Associate Athletic Directors Cris Williams and Kurt Meier, as well as Sports Information Director Don Owen.

"I am very fortunate to have been surrounded with a very professional group of individuals," Meier said.

"Everyone is extremely committed to making this the best program it can be."

This group of administration is in charge of everything behind the scenes for the athletes, in order to provide the best possible experience for the individuals.

Meier said her favorite part of the job is getting to be around the students and watch them grow and compete in their time at NKU.

"I love just being able to see these students advance their educational and athletic experience at NKU. Our job is to give the student-athletes the best possible environment to succeed in while they are here."

The athletic department has turned NKU athletics into one of the most successful NCAA Division II programs in the entire nation.

With the possible construction of a new arena, and a possible jump to the Division I level in the future, who knows where this group could take the program.

Meier said her coaches, players and fellow administrators at NKU have been mostly responsible for the success during her tenure.

"All of my coaches and assistants are very well-prepared and interact well with the student-athletes," she said.

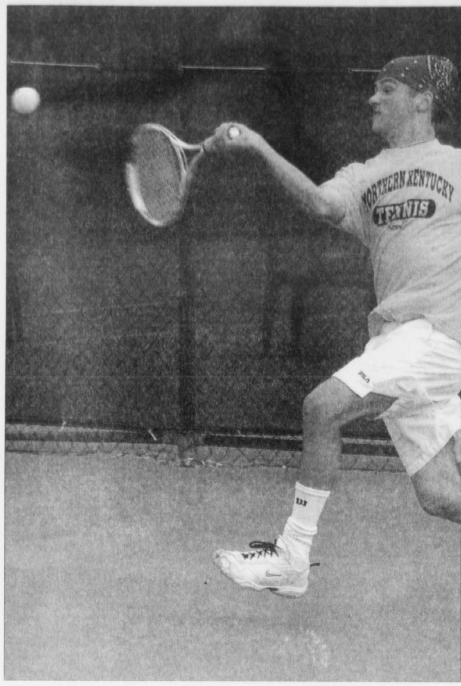
"That is very important. When you have coaches and players, you need to succeed, it's a very hard road to reach your goals."

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## Men's tennis wins conference



Billy Hopkins enjoyed a good weekend. Hopkins, a Beechwood High School graduate, won in both singles and doubles play in matches against Southern Indiana and Bellarmine this weekend. NKU won both matches.

## Norse end season unbeaten in GLVC

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The NKU men's tennis team ended its GLVC play with two strong wins over Southern Indiana and Bellarmine this weekend.

The victories cap off a second consecutive season in which the Norse finished undefeated in regular season conference play. NKU now stands at 13-3 overall, and 8-0 versus conference opponents.

This was also the first season that the men's tennis team received a national ranking. They are ranked number 37.

Head Coach Geoff Crawford said his team isn't satisfied with its strong record and high ranking, however.

"We want to repeat and win the conference tournament," Crawford said. "Then hopefully we can carry that over to the NCAA tournament and see where it goes from there."

The GLVC tournament starts this week in Indianapolis, and the NCAA tournament will follow. The NCAA tournament is hosted by the teams that finish first and second in each region. As it stands now, Northwood or Ferris ST, would host NKU.

Friday's match versus Southern Indiana was key for the Norse in their push for a regular season conference title. NKU entered the match ranked number one in the conference, with Southern Indiana ranked number two.

NKU had a strong showing, defeating the Eagles 7-2.

"This is some of our toughest competition," Crawford said before the match Friday. "It's very important we be able to come out on top to close out the conference matches."

In Sunday's match the Norse dominated Bellarmine defeating them by a score of 9-0. Amine Benjelloun, Mark Pavelec and Nick Herzog set the tone early for the Norse. Benjelloun defeated Phillip Merril 6-0, 6-1, while Herzog and Pavelec both blanked their opponents 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles play, Nick Herzog and Oliver Marinkovic dominated Bellarmine's Will Logan and Randy Pike, winning 8-1. NKU takes the number eight seed on Friday at 9 a.m. The tournament will conclude on Saturday.

## Softball team breaks all-time victory mark

Breitholle throws four-hit shutout, gives Lady Norse 38-2 record

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - Ricki Rothbauer went 3-for-4 and scored a run Saturday, as the Northern Kentucky University softball team won its school-record 37th game with a 3-1 victory over the University of Southern Indiana in the opener of a doubleheader.

Sophomore pitcher Krystal Levalleen improved to 22-1 this season by scattering six hits for the Norse.

Levalleen, who on Friday set the single-season record for victories by an NKU pitcher, finished with seven strikeouts Saturday as the Norse snapped Southern Indiana's 18-game home win streak.

Megan Reed was 2-for-2 and drove in a run for NKU, which built a 3-0 lead after two

innings. Southern Indiana ruined Levalleen's bid for a shutout in the bottom of the seventh inning with a run.

In the nightcap, NKU upped its overall record to 38-2 with a 2-0 victory. The Norse are now 10-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and hold sole possession of first place in the league standings.

Junior pitcher Emily Breitholle tossed a four-hit shutout to lead NKU in the second game and improved to 10-1 this season.

Stephanie Leitmbach was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, while Angie Lindeman and Sara Becker each collected RBI hits for NKU.

It marked the first time since March 23, 2002 that Southern

Indiana (20-17 overall, 8-2 GLVC) was swept in a home doubleheader. Breitholle's shutout also was the first throw against Southern Indiana at home since April 14, 2001.

Breitholle now has 43 career wins and ranks No. 2 on the NKU all-time victories list. Amy Serrano is NKU's all-time career leader with 55 victories.

NKU, with 13 straight wins, is ranked No. 8 nationally in the latest NCAA Division II poll. The Norse are also No. 1 in the Great Lakes Region poll. NKU will play a road doubleheader at the University of Findlay at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

\* Article by Sports Information



Tim Downer/Assistant Photo Editor  
 Shaun Erie slides into home during a game against SIUE this weekend.

## Baseball splits double-header, evens record

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The Northern Kentucky University baseball team needed extra innings to complete a split of their four-game weekend series against Great Lakes Valley Conference opponent, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville April 11 at Bill Aker Baseball Complex at Friendship Field with a 5-4 win.

Freshman Matt Wagers scored when Junior Keith Jackson's groundball skipped past SIUE third baseman Wes Pickering in the bottom of the 10th inning.

The Norse were victims of misfortune early in the game. Many of the hitters made excellent contact. However, more often than not, the balls found SIUE outfielders perfectly positioned to make the out.

Freshman pitcher Matt Marksbury started the game and gave up four runs in the six innings he pitched. SIUE had a big inning in the third after a Craig Ohlau double drove in a run. Ohlau scored on a two-out single by Pickering to put the Cougars ahead 3-0.

The Norse finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third with a Shaun Erie sacrifice fly, to bring the score to 3-1.

Bad luck fell upon the Norse in the sixth inning after third baseman Erie made an excellent play on a hard hit ball down the line by Kyle Martin, but a wild throw to first base allowed SIUE's Robert Rahn to advance to third. An Eric Tritsch chopper hit up the middle plated the fourth run of the game for the Cougars.

The Norse bullpen stepped it up beginning in the seventh inning.

Senior pitcher Chad Anderson entered the game and retired all three SIUE batters he faced.

Junior Justin Seiter entered the game for the Norse in the eighth, with runners on second and third and one out. Seiter was able to pitch out of the jam without giving up a run by striking out Martin and Tritsch.

The NKU offense started its comeback in the eighth. After Erie walked, he bled, pinch-hitter Justin Mundt hit a

two-run single to right, cutting the SIUE lead to 4-3.

Luck seemed to be on the Norse's side after the Mundt single. With one out, Mundt took off for second base, but appeared to be picked off by SIUE pitcher Pat Ivers. After a throw over to first, it appeared Mundt would be caught in a rundown. SIUE first baseman Ohlau's throw sailed over the shortstop Martin's head, allowing Erie to score from third, tying the game at four runs each.

"We were just trying to steal a bag," Coach Todd Asalon said. "[Mundt] was just going on first movement and whatever happens, happens at that point. We were just trying to get [SIUE] to move the ball a little bit."

Seiter pitched two more excellent innings for the Norse, allowing only two SIUE base runners.

After Wagers walked to lead off the bottom of the tenth, he advanced to second base following an Erie sacrifice bunt. Wagers advanced to third base after Mundt hit into a fielder's choice, before ultimately scoring the game-winning run.

"We finally made some adjustments," Asalon said. "They had a sinkball pitcher. Once we found some success, our guys got a little confidence and started swinging the bats a little more aggressively and made something happen."

Seiter was the winning pitcher, evening his record at 2-2 for the season. The win also brought NKU's record back to 500: 18-18, for the first time since the 1992-93 season.

The loss dropped SIUE to 12-24 for the season and 9-14 in the GLVC.

Coach Asalon said the win, coming on the heels of a 5-0 loss earlier Sunday, was a big boost to the team.

"We're trying to stay over .500, obviously," Asalon said. "It was big. We were down 4-1 late, and getting worried a little bit. We didn't want to lose a doubleheader at home. I think to rally like that, to come back and win, is going to be big for us."

In the first game Sunday, the Norse managed only two hits. The loss dropped junior pitcher Rick Wood's record to 4-3 for the season.

The Norse also split games with SIUE on April 10, losing 7-4 in the first game and winning 7-3 in the second.

## hotseat



→ with John Rasp

In this week's *Hot Seat*, John interviewed Elizabeth Brunsman, the number one singles player for NKU women's tennis.

**John Rasp:** What's your best strength on the tennis court?  
**Elizabeth Brunsman:** My backhand.

**JR:** Does trash talking occur on the tennis court?  
**EB:** Yes it does! (A lot of trash talking occurs!) I only talk if someone does it to me first.

**JR:** Which NKU women's player is most likely to throw her racket during a match?  
**EB:** Definitely Becky Dister.

**JR:** What's the biggest match you've ever played in?

**EB:** I would have to say the match against Grace Wilhote of Indianapolis was the biggest match of my college career. I ended up beating her in three sets. It was a conference match and there was a lot of pressure on me. She was (GLVC) Player of the Year before, and I thought the match would determine who would be this year's (GLVC) Player of the Year.

**JR:** In last week's *Hot Seat*, Anne Benjelloun said that you would give him his toughest competition. Can you beat him?  
**EB:** Probably not. He's a little bit stronger than I am.

**JR:** What is your funniest moment on the tennis court?  
**EB:** It would definitely have to be shuffling a serve. I was a little bit tired and I whiffed the serve.

**JR:** Which team will advance farther in the NCAA Tournament – the men's or women's tennis team?  
**EB:** Definitely the women's team. We always seem to get farther.

**JR:** What do you plan on doing after your college tennis career is over?

**EB:** I will probably continue to play tennis for exercise. I'm planning on going into sales, so I don't know how much time I will have.

**JR:** If you could pick one tennis star to play against, who would it be?

**EB:** One of the Williams' sisters. Probably Serena (Williams) because I think it would be funny to see how obnoxious she is on the court.

**JR:** I know you work in the athletic office with Coach Shields. Do you have any funny Coach Shields stories?

**EB:** Coach Shields asked me if I thought he wore too much after shave. His wife told him he wore too much.

**JR:** Fact or Fiction: Anna Kournikova was good for women's tennis?  
**EB:** Fiction. She definitely needs to stick to modeling.



Tim Downes/Assistant Photo Editor  
Elizabeth Brunsman has had continuous success all season long as the number one singles player on the women's tennis team.

# Lakers, Celtics tune up for playoffs

## NBA PICKS



→ with Dominick Wise

**Atlanta Hawks at Boston Celtics: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**

Will the Celtics play their star players in this game, or will their star players play with revenge on their mind?

The Atlanta Hawks lead the season series 3-0 and can get the series sweep tonight if the Celtics rest their star players or starting five.

The Hawks beat the Celtics 110-99

last Saturday to prevent the Celtics from clinching a playoff spot.

The Celtics did clinch a playoff spot, however, when the 76ers lost to the Nets on Sunday.

If the Hawks win this game, it'll be a big confidence boost for them heading into next season.

Many Hawks fans thought this would be the season their team would make a run at the playoffs. Injuries, trades, and bad coaching played a large role in the Hawks' dismal season, however.

The Hawks need a true point guard, someone who can play next to Jason Terry. They also need a dominating center and power forward down low to dominate inside.

The Celtics haven't been playing good basketball lately. Paul Pierce, Ricky Davis, and the rest of the starting five need to start playing better defense. If they don't play good defense and allow another sixty some points in the first half like they did against the

Hawks last week, then they could not only get blown out tonight but also in the first game against the Nets in the playoffs.

I think the Hawks can win the season series tonight, but it all depends on whether the Celtics' coach sits his starting five to have them rested for the playoffs.

If Pierce and Davis play the whole game, I look for the Celtics to win and avoid the season series sweep. The Celtics need this game in a big way to get their offense and defense together for the playoffs.

The Hawks want to win this game. They want to finish their season on a good note, and a sweep of the Celtics is a good way to do it. I think Pierce and company won't let the Hawks sweep them, however, so I look for them to come up big in this one.

## Prediction:

Celtics 95, Hawks 89

**Los Angeles Lakers at Portland Trailblazers: Wednesday, 10:30 p.m.**

The Blazers lead this series 2-1, and can win the season series tonight if they beat the Lakers for a third time this season.

The Blazers just recently beat the Lakers 91-80 in Los Angeles. In that game, Damon Stoudamire was 10-7 from the field and finished with 24 points.

The Blazers definitely need to win tonight if they want to go to the playoffs. Stoudamire needs to have another big game if they want to win and also hope the Lakers guards can combine again to shoot 9-of-35 from the field.

Zach Randolph also needs to have a big game down low, as well as Theo Ratliff. It will be hard job to contain Shaq, but disrupting his game will be a big boost.

The Lakers need to start playing

Lakers basketball: namely, pound the rock inside to Shaq and let him dominate inside. Kobe and Gary Payton need to start driving to the line instead of taking jump shots. Missed jump shots lead to fast breaks, and that is Portland's game. Karl Malone needs to touch the ball more if the Lakers want to have a chance. Malone can create mismatches down low with his powerful inside presence.

This will be an exciting game. Expect to see a different Laker team then last weekend. They would love to end the Blazers' consecutive runs at making the playoffs.

On the other hand, look for the Blazers to be playing their hearts out. They want to keep the season going.

But I think Shaq and Kobe will get the last laugh in this one. Look for both of them to score more than 20 points.

## Prediction:

Lakers 101, Blazers 99

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### Wednesday 4/21

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SOC Celebration, Radison in Covington 7

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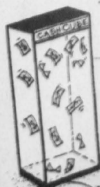
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